ELECTING NEW SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Twelve candidates put themselves forward for school captain this year. At Tuesday's weekly assembly four girls and eight boys took turns to stand in front of their peers and explain why each of them would make a good school captain. They all spoke well and each made an impressive case for why they would be a suitable person to represent the school. According to their Year Adviser, Mr Sanderson, any one of them would make a great school captain.

Friday was set aside for voting and the result of the ballot will be announced at the next formal assembly at the end of term three.
What’s happening in Week Nine
Monday – Friday Yr11 Preliminary Exam

P&C meeting is on Tuesday 15th September at 7:30 pm

Breakfast Club: serving up something different

Breakfast club has been a permanent feature in the life of Hastings Secondary College for some time now and has seen a few changes over time, and it's about to see some more. With the support of the P&C and several staff members Breakfast Club is about to get back to its roots and serve food to hungry students before school. Not only will the program be changing from lunch one to before school, it will also be transitioning from running 3 days a week to servicing students from Monday through Friday – 5 days a week. Breakfast Club operates thanks to the generous support of community partners and school funding, and as of Monday the 7th of September we will also be able to attribute its success to volunteers from both our P&C and school staff.

There are many reasons why students come to school without eating breakfast. Whatever the reason may be, skipping breakfast can affect both mental and physical energy throughout the day. Breakfast club provides a healthy start to the day, as well as providing a safe and welcoming environment.

When: 7:30am – 8:05am Monday to Friday
Cost: Free of charge (dishes are DIY) Where: T7
From The Principal

We have had another busy week. We have been doing a lot of planning and have had some wonderful visitors to the school. Wednesday was shaped by our evacuation and lockdown drill. Our girls’ Futsal team has been competing and we have had some Gifted and Talented Days.

College News

The college is focusing on a number of things to evaluate this year and prepare for next year. We are finishing off the Year 12 assessment booklet because we will have an orientation on day for the new Year 12 early next term. We are about to finalise the teacher of the LEAP (Learning with Engaging Authentic Pedagogy) class on each campus. We will be choosing from a number of expressions of interest. This class will try to encourage student engagement. We are also looking at the college part of our school plan, developing our milestones so that we can chart our progress and mapping our milestones to the DEC Schools Excellence Framework.

Amazing Assembly

Tuesday assembly was a wonderful reflection of the great things that are happening at Port Macquarie Campus. We started with a presentation to Year 9 by two Year 2 students from Port Macquarie Primary. They were thanking the Year 9 Sport Studies class for their help with the infants’ athletics carnival. They spoke very eloquently. They were followed by a visiting professor from Bhutan University who worked with our students on Physics and Geography. He was introduced to the whole school before he attended classes. The last part of the assembly was hearing the speeches of our candidates for captains 2016. All the speeches were of a high standard and addressed what they wanted to do in the role. There are some candidates with strong personalities and visions. The elections were held on Thursday but the results won’t be announced until the Year 12 formal assembly when the retiring captains will all announce their successors. I would like to wish all the candidates good luck.

Stage 5 CAPA Night

Stage 5 CAPA Night was reported on in last week’s newsletter but this week I got the chance to interview two of the students involved.

Ambrose Kranitis.

Ambrose came to Port Macquarie Campus specifically to access the Music courses. At the Stage 5 CAPA night he played in the saxophone quartet, the Year 10 performance of “Cups” and “Squib Cakes”, the Concert Band and did a clarinet solo, “Koyin”. Ambrose has been playing the clarinet since Year 3 and enjoys the experience of performing in front of his family and friends. His Mum, Dad, Nan, brother and sister were here to see him. He will be studying Music 2 next year. He likes studying Music at Port Campus because of the well developed Music options and the high calibre of the teachers here. Ambrose also performs in community groups including the Town Band and Big Bang Theory. He is also a member of the State Wind Band going to Sydney for rehearsals and performances.

Elvis Goodwin

Elvis is a relatively new arrival at our school. He did a RAP performance on the night, “See You Again” by Wiz Khalifa. Elvis had three girls singing the chorus. He said, he felt a little bit nervous but confident that he could do it. Elvis wanted to show that he could get up on stage. Elvis has only been doing Music only since he got here. He is going to Music in the senior school and do RAP for his performance pieces. He has been rapping since he realised what it was when he was about 13. Music is his favourite subject.

Year 12 Departs

Part of the planning that we have been doing is for the Year 12 graduation assembly. The assembly will be on Thursday September 17th at 9:30 a.m. Parents and friends are invited. The day before students will have a beach barbecue breakfast with their teachers before coming back to school to do some last minute preparation for the exams. On Friday they are having a big day out to celebrate the end of school. In the holidays several teachers will be doing study days with their students. The Year 12 formal will be held after the exams.

Lockdown and Evacuation Practice

On Wednesday we had our lockdown and evacuation practice. We are required to have these practices every six months. The lockdown was at the beginning of recess so the students realised they had to go to the nearest safe place. All the block exits were locked very quickly. At the end of period 4 we had our evacuation practice. All the students had to assemble on the top oval and have their names marked off. I would like to thank Mr Duck for organising this very effective practice.
P&C meeting
The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 15th September at 7:30 pm.
Week 9 sees the start of our Preliminary (Year 11) exams. I would like to wish them all the best.
Lorraine Haddon
Principal

Port Primary
Two students from Port Primary came to our school assembly on Tuesday the 1st of September. They presented our 11 Sport Studies students with certificates of appreciation for helping out at the K-2 athletics carnival a couple of weeks ago. Harrison Wardrop and ZoeWood, who are in year 2 and were accompanied by Principal Mr Brett Thurgate, were confident and spoke very well in front of the whole school.

Harrison Wardrop and ZoeWood

PARENT HELP NEEDED FOR P&C FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY
URGENT
P&C really need parent help to run a BBQ and cold food outlet over the middle weekend of the next school holidays (Friday 25th September to Sunday 27th September). If you have a couple of hours to spare on one or more of those days, please come and help us do some vital fundraising for our school. This is a great opportunity and should be a lot of fun as well!
Sign up to help either by:
Email P&C on pmhs.pandc@outlook.com
Or ring Leanne on 0416 976 964 or Kellie on 0438 430 454
Industrial Technology
The year 12 'Industrial Technology - Timber ' projects were marked by the BOSTE markers on Friday. Congratulations to the students. A few examples of what the students constructed are shown. Jeff Appleby
Molly experiences role of teacher

Last week Year 10 student Molly Beaver swapped roles from student to teacher by undertaking 5 day's work experience as a primary school teacher. Molly worked with the Year 6 class at Christian Heritage School. Molly showed enthusiasm and initiative leading to her gaining great respect from the students and supervising teacher.

Important Information for Year 12 Students

- **If you are applying for university** you should be submitting your application now at [www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/](http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/). **UAC on time applications close**: 30th September 2015.
- **Early entry to university applications are now open.** To apply for early entry (SRS) to these universities the process will be through UAC - online. It will be a single application. **See**: [http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/](http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/) **Timeline**: Close **Wednesday 30th September 2015**.
- UNE early entry -UNE has simplified the process for Year 12 students, **providing a direct online application for Early Entry to UNE.** Students who are not eligible for an ATAR are also able to apply to UNE Early Entry. For all details you need to see: [http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/get-early-entry](http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/get-early-entry) Applications are open and close on 30th September, 2015.
- **Apply for any scholarships** you may be eligible for. Time lines and requirements for these vary. You will need to do your research and take note of closing dates. These can be any time from now till the end of March 2016.
- **Also look into on campus accommodation if this is required.** Applications may need to be lodged by the end of September. Application fees are often charged and are not refundable. Interviews may also be required.

**Good luck Year 12**

Lots to do in your final few weeks of secondary education!

Interested in an Aviation Career?

Join us for a special flight training and aviation career open day on **Saturday 12th September** at our college located at Port Macquarie Airport. Australian International Aviation College (AIAC) provides flight training for airline pilots, flight instructors, aeromedical and corporate pilots. Find out more and register online at [openday.aiacollege.com.au](http://openday.aiacollege.com.au)

Mr White – Careers Adviser
Retail proves a popular choice for Shayden Schrader

Working with bodyboards, surfboards, wetsuits and surfing apparel is Shayden's dream job.

From August 24-28 the 17-year-old from Hastings College-Port Macquarie Campus student worked in the Saltwater Wine retail store in Horton Street, Port Macquarie.

As part of his time there Shayden learnt how a retail environment operates. He found the cash register an exciting challenge.

Shayden has an interest in the retail industry and is considering pursuing work in this field.

There were many enjoyable aspects to the work placement, he said.

"Yes, it has been great. I like the fact that you can meet new people, and catch up with people you already know. It is fun and exciting."

Mr O'Brien, the Retail Services teacher at Port Macquarie Campus thanked Saltwater Wine for taking part.

"If it wasn't for them then it would be extremely hard to run this program and our students wouldn't get this opportunity," he said.
William Tyrrell disappeared from Kendall NSW On the 12th of September 2014.

#walk4william

On Saturday the 12th of September at 10.30am there will be “Walks 4 William” held all over the World.

Details of your local Walk 4 William

We will commence our walk from East End of Town Green then follow along the break wall to Town Beach Park. This will mean our walk will be wheelchair accessible and also parents with prams and small children can be involved.

Dress up RED or BLUE

Face Painting, Craft & Balloons will be available from 8:30am.

Visit our Facebook Page- Walk4william Port Macquarie.